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CARACAS FOR LOS DEL, COPENHAGEN FOR FISHATT

1. BY SEPTELS ARE TRANSMITTED TEXTS OF TWO NOTES BEING
DELIVERED TODAY TO SPANISH EMB.

2. IN ADDITION, FOLLOWING POINTS BEING MADE:

A) NMFS ESTIMATES SPANISH CATCHES IN ICNAF SA5 (OFF NEW
ENGLAND) AND SA6 (OFF MID-ATLANTIC) TO DATE 1974 ARE APPROX
38,500 METRIC TONS, INCLUDING APPROX 10,000 MT COD IN

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DIVISION 5Z AND APPROX 25,000 MT SQUID. SPANISH ICNAF

QUOTAS FOR 1974 ARE 17,200 MT OVERALL IN SA5 AND 6, 7,088 MT COD IN 5Z, AND 13,000 MT SQUID IN SA5 AND 6. (OVERALL QUOTAS LESS THAN TOTAL INDIVIDUAL SPECIES QUOTAS.) USG SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT THIS ESTIMATE, WHICH BELIEVED BE REASONABLY ACCURATE BASED ON OBSERVED NUMBER SPANISH F/Vs, CATCHES, AND FISHING PATTERNS.

B) USG REQUESTS PROMPT REPORT ON SPANISH ICNAF CATCHES TO DATE, BY SPECIES AND AREA.

C) USG REQUESTS INFO ON STEPS GOS HAS TAKEN TO POLICE

QUOTAS.

D) USG EXPECTS PROMPT CESSATION OF SPANISH FISHERY SA5 AND 6 IF QUOTAS HAVE BEEN REACHED OR EXCEEDED.

E) USG EXPECTS FULL EXPLANATION IF QUOTAS HAVE IN FACT BEEN EXCEEDED. EXCESS FISHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD UNDERMINE WHOLE ICNAF CONSERVATION REGIME AND WOULD BE CONTRARY TO GOS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ICNAF CONVENTION.

3. FOREIGN FISHING SITUATION OFF US COAST HAS CREATED EXTREMELY TENSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, INCLUDING PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMANDS FOR UNILATERAL 200 MILES FISHERIES JURISDICTION. ALTHOUGH WE NOW HAVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION UNDER CONTROL AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, SITUATION SUCH AS THIS COULD EXPLODE WHOLE ISSUE. SUCH UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD BE EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO OUR LOS NEGOTIATING POSITION. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTED FOLLOW UP WITH FONOFF AND FISHERIES OFFICIALS. IF QUOTAS HAVE IN FACT BEEN EXCEEDED, WE WANT SPANISH F/Vs ENTIRELY REMOVED FROM SA5 AND 6 IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER HELP CONTROL DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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